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SUBJECT: LIBYAN OIL

REF: (A) LONDON 2814; (B) TRIPOLI 665

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY [redacted] DATE 6/22/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. IN CONVERSATION MORNING MARCH 31, [redacted] CONFIRMED REPORT REFTEL A AND SAID THAT COMPANIES STANDING FIRM ON AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH MABRUK AND JALLOUD. THEY ADDED THAT ONLY ACTION COMPANIES CONTEMPLATING NOW IS LETTER TO MINPET GIVING FORMAL NOTICE THAT AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED MARCH 31 IF EFFECTIVE DATE TO REMAIN MARCH 20. B4

2. [redacted] OBSERVED THAT [redacted] MABRUK HAD TERMED AGREEMENT "FAIR AND JUST" AND SAID PROBLEM WAS FOR HIM AND COMPANIES COLLECTIVELY TO SELL AGREEMENT TO RCC. MABRUK ADDED THAT IF THEY COULD NOT DO SO THE RESULT COULD BE "DANGEROUS." B4

3. [redacted] ADDED THAT MABRUK HAD UNEXPECTEDLY SUMMONED WILLIAMSON (OCCIDENTAL) FOR MTG MARCH 31 AND THAT WILLIAMSON HAD RETURNED FROM PARIS FOR THAT PURPOSE. LONDON TROUP AWAITING REPORT OF THIS MTG. B4

4. SPECULATING ON LIBYANS' OBJECTIVE, [redacted] SAID THAT COMPANIES' INTELLIGENCE (FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH) IS THAT RCC HAD REJECTED AGREEMENT BY NINE TO THREE VOTE. THEY HAD NO B4

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INDICATION WHAT ALTERNATIVE MAJORITY HAD SUGGESTED IF ANY [redacted] B4

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5. ASKED ABOUT SOLIDITY OF COMPANY FRONT AT THIS STAGE, [redacted] SAID THEY HAD NO RPT NO REASON NOW TO EXPECT CRAKS. B4
THEY THOUGHT COMPANY FRONT WOULD REMAIN SOLID SO LONG AS NEW
LIBYAN DEMANDS REMAIN VAGUE AND SIZEABLE, AS THEY ARE. [redacted]

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